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A New Ecclesiastical History. Containing an Account of the Authors of the several Books of the Old and New Testament; Of the Lives and Writings of the Primitive Fathers, and other Ecclesiastical Writers; An Abridgment of their Works, with a Catalogue, and their different Editions, and Censures upon them, determining which are Genuine, and which are Spurious; As also a Judgment upon their Style and Doctrine, and a Compendious History of the Councils. Written in French *with great Integrity by the very Learned and Judicious* LEWIS ELLIES DU PIN, *Doctor of the* Sorbon. *Translated into* English, *and carefully Reviewed by Mr.* WILLIAM WOTTON, *B.D. who hath very much improved the Author, by making proper Remarks and Notes throughout the whole Work. The Two First Volumes now in the Press, containing the Authors that flourished in the four first Ages of the Church, of which see the particulars in the Table here annexed.*

THE Works of the Learned and Judicious *L. Ellies du Pin*, Doctor of the *Sorbon*, have met with that Universal Approbation in the World, that several Gentlemen have been desirous to have them put into *English*, for the Publick Benefit.

The Author is a Person of that Integrity and Judgment, and so far from suffering himself to be carried away by a Spirit of Bigottry, so peculiar to the Writers of that Communion, that no one, perhaps, has so freely laid open the Forgeries of their old *Liturgies, Decretals, Spurious Works* ascribed to the Fathers, &c. as himself. But what deserves a particular Commendation, he has in his *Prolegomena* generously and learnedly defended the Authority of the *Holy Scriptures* against all the Attempts of *Spinosa*, *Hobbes*, and Father *Simon*.

The First and Second Volumes are now almost Printed; and the Translation has been Revised by Mr. *William Wotton*, B. D. who has made Remarks upon several passages, and many Additions, which are Printed in separate Paragraphs, not intermixing them with the Original.

A Paper of this Nature will not admit a recital of all the advantageous Characters that have been given this Learned Author, by several Foreign Divines of the Reformed Religion; we shall therefore content our selves with setting down some of many honourable Testimonies he has received from some of the most Eminent Members of our own Church.

The Bishop of *Worcester*, in his Treatise entituled, *The Doctrine of the Trinity and Transubstantiation compar'd*, p. 33. speaking of the Liturgies of St. *Peter*, St. *Paul*, and St. *Matthew*, quoted by the *Papist*, the *Protestant* answers, *Do you not know that these are rejected as suppositious by your own Writers? And a very late and Learned Author* [Du Pin *in the Margin*] *hath given full and clear Evidences of it.*——And a little after, *He proves* (speaking of *Du Pin*) *St.* Peter's *Liturgy to be later than the Sacramentary of St.* Gregory, *and so can prove nothing for the first* 600 *years*; *and the* Æthiopick *Liturgy, or St.* Matthews, *he shews to be very late*; *that of St.* James *he thinks to have been some time before the Five General Councils, but by no means to have been St.* James's.

Dr. *Cave*, in his *Prolegomena* to the *Historia Literaria*, p. 1, 2. *Ex eo tempore duo Scriptores Galli idem Argumentum ex parte tractarunt*; *viz.* Lud. Ellies du Pin, *Facultatis* Sorbonicæ *Theologus, qui Auctorum Ecclesiasticorum novam Bibliothecam Gallico sermone, Edidit* Paris. 1686. 8o. *Vir* (*quantum ex iis quæ Latinè Edidit, perspicere licet, Gallica enim haud satis capio*) *Doctus & Candidus & Antiquitatis Ecclesiasticæ cultor diligentissimus.* Alter Casim. Oudin, &c.

Mr. *Fleetwood*, in the Preface to the Life and Death of the Blessed Virgin, p. 16. *We are more obliged to Monsieur* du Pin, *a late* French *Author, both for his Candour and good Nature, whose words I will set down*, &c. Again, p. 22. *But because the aforementioned* Ellis du Pin, *Doctor of the* Sorbon. *and at present in great Repute with the Church of* France, *hath dispatched this business effectually*, &c. *I shall take leave to transcribe a short Chapter of his*, &c.——Again, p. 29. [speaking of *Dionysius* the *Areopagite*, that the Books which go under his Name are spurious] *But* du Pin (says he) *has done the Work effectually, and therefore I will not grudge the pains of making an Abstract of his Judgment*——[too long to insert.]

Mr. *Gee*, in his *Veteres Vindicati*, p. 63. *No body* (*I mean no Learned Man*) *believes St.* Peter's *Liturgy*, &c. *I could furnish you with more intrinsick Arguments against it, and against the rest which labour under the same or worse Absurdities, out of your own* (*to omit our*) *Authors*; *the Learned and Judicious* du Pin *hath gathered enough against it*, &c.

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